



## Saint Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church

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### Parish of the Diocese of Fort Worth

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint Thomas the Apostle,

I would like to extend my most heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your support, patience, and charity in this challenging time. To see you approaching the Eucharist, Adoration, and Confession in faith and trust in the Lord, pierces my heart with joy. To see you asking how we can continue to help our neighbor, whether spiritually or corporally, in this time of suffering and trial, is a true manifestation of our Gospel call to love God and love our neighbor. (Mark 12:29-31).

In this time of trial, which all Lent represents, we must be steady and lean on our Heavenly Father, who is helping us to tread the path of suffering—the path of the Cross. Our sufferings are no more than what Jesus suffered—and He suffered for all of us. We must imitate Him, our beloved firstborn Brother, who has overcome the troubles of this world—only then will we remain at peace (John 16:33). This peace must be in the Holy Spirit and it is one of the many fruits He bestows on us. Therefore, from my heart I encourage you to remain steadfast in the love of God. Remain in Him, that our joy may be complete (1 Cor 15:58; John 15:11). Please know that I am unceasingly praying for you at the altar. May our Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, and under the protection of Saint Joseph our Protector, bless and keep you at peace.

Yours Truly in Saint Francis of Assisi,

Fr. Benjamin Hembrom, TOR  
Pastor